

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5522–5530; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 306–309; and H. Res. 1013, 1016–1021 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 3);

H.R. 1084, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to build operational readiness in civilian agencies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–537);

H. Res. 1014, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1424) to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans (H. Rept. 110–538); and

H. Res. 1015, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2857) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws (H. Rept. 110–539).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Roybal-Allard to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park: H.R. 1143, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 88;

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Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act: H.R. 1311, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer

treatment facility, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 89;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for the conveyance of the Alta-Hualapai Site to the Nevada Cancer Institute, and for other purposes."

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Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007: H.R. 3111, amended, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System;

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Ensuring that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River: H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park: H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park;

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Honoring the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Florida Everglades and founder of Florida's environmental movement: H. Res. 807, amended, to honor the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, champion of the Florida Everglades and founder of Florida's environmental movement;

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Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act: H.R. 816, amended, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 375 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 90;

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Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act: H.R. 3473, amended, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest;

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Commemorating the 200th anniversary of Congressional Cemetery: H. Res. 698, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Congressional Cemetery; and

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Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007: H.R. 1922, amended, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 5th.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 5th:

Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park Designation Act: H.R. 4191, to redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as “Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historic Park”.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2008 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–98) and

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–99).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1204–05, H1205–06, H1206. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPROVING SCHOOL NUTRITION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Challenges and Opportunities for Improving School Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

FUTURE U.S. COMMITMENTS TO IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on Declaration and Principles: Future U.S. Commitments to Iraq. Testimony was heard from David Satterfield, Senior Adviser, Coordinator for Iraq; and Mary Beth Long, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007. The rule provides two hours of general debate in the House with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in this report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1424, the text of H.R. 493, as passed the House, shall be added at the end of H.R. 1424. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone, George Miller of California, Hinojosa, Stark, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Wilson of New Mexico, Ramstad, Hastings of Washington and Broun of Georgia.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2857, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute